

from violence as a way to conduct day-to-day activities. I can't see it as anything other than sheer stupidity for people who do not have to use deadly force, who do not even have to contemplate using deadly force, asking to be put in that position. That in itself is sufficient evidence for me to say that they are psychologically unfit to wear that firearm and deal with the public. This bill is not good for society as a whole. This bill is not good for anybody who drives a vehicle that has to, by law, stop at one of these weigh stations. And it is not good for the fools who say they want it and work there. A doctor who is approached by a patient is hired to use his or her best judgment based on knowledge, training, education, experience and all the things that go into producing a competent healer. A person might come in and tell the doctor, I broke my arm and I want a metal splint put on my arm, and I want some screws drilled through the bones and have them reattached, and the doctor says, no, that's not the proper treatment for this. And the person says, well, I'm paying, so do what I want to do. The doctor says, I have professional ethics, I have professional standards, I will diagnose the case, I will treat it in accord with what my best medical judgment tells me is the appropriate treatment. In a sense, we, as legislators, are fulfilling the role of psychiatrists or psychologists. We have some people who are disordered in their minds and disturbed in their emotions and lacking in a clear perception of what the world consists of in which they must operate. They are saying, doc, give me a gun. Our responsibility is to say, no, no. People say matches should be kept out of the hands of children. Guns certainly should be kept out of the hands of children and those with childlike minds. That is what we, in fact, are dealing with here today. Nobody has presented a case for this radical and drastic change in public policy. The ones carrying this bill cannot give an acceptable response to questions based on hypothetical situations which can reasonably be expected to occur. If you give somebody the power to arrest, it is not bizarre to project the possibility of some person not agreeing to be arrested and fleeing to avoid arrest. That is not bizarre in these situations, it is not unreasonable. In fact that is one of the first things that ought to be considered. And if those pushing this bill and trying to justify it have not considered that basic ground level issue, it's clear that inadequate thought has been put into this bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.